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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/632,142	07/31/2003	Luca Borderi	U 014745-4	1826

TITLE OF INVENTION: STRIP SPLICING DEVICE AND METHOD

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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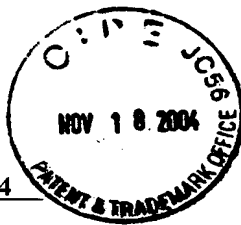
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PATENT

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In re application of: LUCA BORDERI et al
Serial No.: 10/632,142
Filed: July 31, 2003
FOR: STRIP SPLICING DEVICE AND METHOD

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1. Applicant hereby pays the issue fee for the attached Issue Fee Transmittal PTOL-85.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g): "(1) New determination of entitlement to small entity status is needed when issue and maintenance fees are due. Once status as a small entity has been established in an application or patent, fees as a small entity may thereafter be paid in that application or patent without regard to a change in status until the issue fee is due or any maintenance fee is due.

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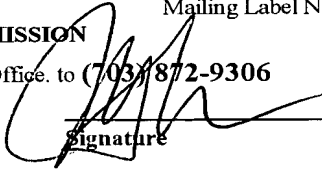
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2. Applicant

A. Asserted small entity status in this application by

- ☐ payment of the basic filing or national fee as a small entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(3)) or
- ☐ submission of a Written Assertion or Statement of Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1))

It is confirmed that small entity status for this application has been checked, is still in effect and is being asserted.

- ☐ A WRITTEN ASSERTION OR STATEMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS signed by an appropriate party as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is attached.

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(complete the following, as applicable)

- B. ☐ Applicant hereby notifies the Office, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), that it no longer has status as a small entity.

- ☐ A "NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY" signed by an appropriate party is attached.

- ☐ Applicant has not asserted small entity status.

3. Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.18(a) and (b)):

Application status is:

small business entity—fee

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Design
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other than a small entity—fee

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Publication Fee

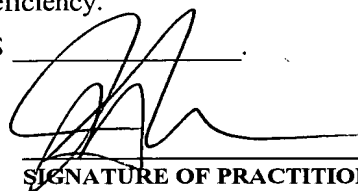
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